



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2021
9:00 a.m.

On January 8, 2021 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Yuri Tsirulnikov, DO
Lisa Galbraith, DO
Sharon Gundersen, PHD, Public Member
Tania Hernandez, DO
Joel Quiroz, PA-C

STAFF PRESENT

Tracie Drake, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Cori Tarzwell, Policy Analyst

GUESTS:

Carlos Alberto Garay

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

- 1.1 The board members, staff, and guests, introduced themselves.
- 1.2 The board approved the January 8, 2021 agenda with amendment to add line item number two.
- 1.3 The board approved the December 4, 2020 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. UW School of Medicine Credentialing Letter

Due to an institutional delay, UW School of Medicine is sending letters on behalf of applicants who have met the degree requirements, in lieu of diplomas. Ms. Drake presented a copy of the letter to the board for review.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the letter as an acceptable form of notification until a diploma is presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Update on Recent Attorney General Opinion on Collaborative Drug Therapy Agreements (CDTA)

Ms. Fullerton updated the board on a recent attorney general opinion regarding CDAs. If the Washington Medical Commission continues to pursue rulemaking, Ms. Fullerton and Ms. Drake will update the board.

4. **Discussion Regarding Functioning of Panels for Discipline and Potential Calibration**

The board expressed interest in calibration of the disciplinary process and asked for additional research to be conducted. The board requested staff to gather totals of cases opened vs closed in each discipline panel over the next six months. Ms. Drake will add this topic to a future agenda for further discussion, once totals have been gathered. Ms. Maxwell explained to the board the importance of having discussions and coordinating discipline cases with their staff attorney prior to presenting a case to ensure the staff attorney is available when a case is brought forward.

5. **Future Business Meeting Structure**

The board discussed the structure of future business meetings once the Department of Health travel restrictions are removed.

Board members' interest varied on structure of future meetings. Some prefer the meetings be split with some meetings held in person and others via webinar. Other board members prefer going back to only meeting in person.

6. **Telemedicine Rules Workshop Report**

Dr. Galbraith updated the board on the most recent telemedicine rules workshop held in collaboration with the Washington Medical Commission.

7. **Correspondence**

7.1 The board reviewed an update received from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) regarding changes to the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination.

7.2 The board reviewed a request for lists and labels from Public Health – Seattle and King County TB Control Program. They are conducting a research project and have requested licensee contact information that would allow them to identify the level of community provider knowledge about latent tuberculosis infection and to identify ways to support community providers to improve public health.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve providing contact information, limited to Seattle and King County. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

8. **Program Reports—Renee Fullerton, Executive Director; Tracie Drake, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**

8.1 Budget report

Ms. Fullerton gave a brief summary of where the funds come from and a description of what falls under each expense category. The current budget doesn't show a significant change since the last presentation. Overall, the revenue trend remains positive with a healthy reserve available.

8.2 Legislative session update

Ms. Fullerton shared that the legislative session will start Monday and will be in remote format. We are anticipating a very COVID focused session given the current state events. Ms. Drake shared information about the pre-filed bills that the department currently has received. When a bill may affect the osteopathic profession, she will send an email to the board's legislative representatives and the board chair to get feedback on the bill.

8.3 2021 FSMB annual meeting update

Ms. Drake announced that the annual meeting for 2021 will be held virtually. Dr. Ludwig advised the board that there is a possibility that funds may be available for members to attend, as well as scholarships, once travel restrictions are lifted.

8.4 Update on HIV/AIDS training rules repeal

Ms. Drake advised the board that the CR-103 has been filed as of December 28, 2020 and the rule repeal will become effective after 31 days.

9. **Open Forum**

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

There was no public comment.

10. **Future Business**

10.1 The board discussed agenda items identified for future meetings.

- Gather numbers on opening/closing complaints (from item 9.1)
- Follow-up on WMC's decision on CDTA rulemaking
- Update on calibration

10.2 The board had an open discussion regarding future business suggestions.

The board expressed interest in having a presentation from a health law judge.

11. **Adjournment of public meeting**

The public meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

12. **Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**

The board attended to licensing, disciplinary matters, and settlement and/or agreed order presentations in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Drake, Program Manager

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